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OUTRAGE AT NANAIMO.

House of Sing Kee Wrecked by an Explosion—His Wife Injured.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, Feb. 10.—Early this morning the home of Sing Kee, who is recognized as the local king of Chinatown, was wrecked by a bomb. It is not as yet known how the work was accomplished. Apparently a powerful explosion, likely of dynamite, was pushed under the building. Sing Kee, his wife and children were all in the building at the time, but escaped with their lives. His wife was seriously hurt, although the extent of her injuries are not known. She was dragged out from beneath the debris, the building being completely wrecked.

As yet no clue has been discovered disclosing the purpose of the crime.

To-day's train from Victoria was delayed at Ladysmith this forenoon and will not reach here until 5:30.

TRADE OF DOMINION FOR SEVEN MONTHS

An Increase of \$18,716,905 Over Same
Time Last Year—The
New Judge.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—For the seven months of the current fiscal year, ending 31st January last, the aggregate trade of Canada was \$233,737,739, an increase of \$18,716,905 over the same time last year. The imports were \$114,710,901, compared with \$104,800,074 for the same time last year. The exports were \$139,019,838, as against \$130,180,700 last year. The duty collected was \$18,134,333, as against \$16,500,907 last year, or an increase of \$1,573,446.

To Be Sworn In To-morrow.

Hon. David Mills will take the oath of Supreme court judge to-morrow. The order-in-council appointing him was signed by Lord Minto to-day.

As soon as Hon. C. Fitzpatrick returns from Quebec he will take over the justice department.

Mr. Carroll is expected tonight and will be sworn in as solicitor-general. His re-election in Rimouski will come off as soon as it is possible to hold it.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier visited Rideau Hall at noon to-day in connection with these changes.

New Solicitor-General.

H. G. Carroll was sworn in as solicitor-general by Lord Minto at Rideau Hall this afternoon. Mr. Carroll left at 4 o'clock to arrange for his re-election.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

(Associated Press.)

Butte, Mont., Feb. 10.—In a cave-in at the Diamond mine, one of the Amalgamated properties, Jerry Conroy and Richard Williams were crushed under an immense mass of rock. When recovered, the bodies of both men were badly mangled.

Cocos Island

Shareholders' Meeting

A meeting of the shareholders of the Pacific Exploration & Development Co., Limited, will be held in the Council Chamber, Board of Trade Building, at 8 o'clock p. m., on Monday, February 10th. Every shareholder should attend.

A. SCHROEDER,
Assistant Secretary.

P. S.—If time permits after the business of the company has been transacted, the chairman will repeat his interesting talk on "Cocos Island Treasure" and now sure are our chances of getting it. This part of the meeting will be open to the public at about 9:30.

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BUSINESS PORTION OF PATERSON WIPED OUT

Firemen's Struggle With Flames—One
Thousand Homeless—Eleven Per-
sons Killed at St. Louis.

(Associated Press.)

Pateron, N.J., Feb. 9.—A fire swept through Pateron to-day and in its desolate attack left the business and residential portions of the city a mass of ruins. The damage to property valued in a preliminary estimate at \$10,000,000. It burned its way through the business section of the city and claimed as its own a majority of the finer structures devoted to commercial, civic, educational and religious uses, as well as scores of other houses. There was but small tribute of life and injury to the conflagration, but hundreds were left homeless and thousands without employment. The great manufacturing plants of the place are safe and the community, temporarily dazed by the calamity, has already commenced the work of reorganization and restoration.

The fire came at midnight and was only checked after a desperate fight that lasted until late this afternoon. Every city and town within reach of Pateron sent firemen and apparatus to the relief of the threatened city, and it took the united efforts of them all to win the battle.

A northerly gale gave the conflagration its impetus and carried its burning brands to kindle the blaze afresh at other points. The firemen made stand after stand before the wall of fire, but were repeatedly driven back, and when victory finally came to them they were grimed and exhausted.

An estimate made from a general inspection of the smoldering ruins placed the number of dwellings and apartment houses destroyed at 500, and the families left without shelter at 1,000. Another estimate when order succeeds confusion may alter those figures.

The fire began its work of far-reaching destruction at the power house of the Jersey City, Hoboken and Pateron Traction company, which fronted on Broadway and extended to the rear on Van Houten.

It was burning fiercely when discovered, the flames were lifting in the air and swirling when the fire apparatus came clanging into action. The firemen tried to hem it in, but it speedily crossed Van Houten street in one direction, Main street in another and gaining vigor as it went, burned unchecked down into the business district. The warning to many was but brief and they were forced to flee, scantily clad, into the streets glazed over with ice and swept by the keen wind of vigorous winter. Main street was soon arched over with a canopy of fire for a block and then for two blocks. Calls for relief went out to every city in this part of the state and firemen labored on. The city hall finally caught and with it went all of the splendid business structures that surrounded it. They made a great furnace fire that burned with a fierce roar and radiance of day. There was a series of explosions and scores of walls fell when the fire left them strengthless. Flying firebrands "cracked" the conflagration over some buildings and around others, and it burned in an irregular course.

Another great area of fire started at the angle of Park avenue and Washington street and swept almost unchecked until on those thoroughfares there was no more fuel.

It was on this second great fire that the volunteer firemen from the outside cities did their most heroic work. They flocked only when they had to and when the natural obstacle interposed they seized the chance and stopped the fire.

Pateron rests in a valley and the conflagration was a "impromptu" spectacle from the rim of the hills that wall it in. The fire became a great popular spectacle that claimed patrons from New York and every outlying town in New Jersey. Once in the city they crowded around the firemen and hampered them in their work. Police lines were impossible. With the crowd came thieves and looters, but there was not much pillaging.

Three relief meetings were held during the afternoon. In a few moments, at the first one, \$800 was handed to the mayor for immediate use. The mayor said that while the city had suffered terrible visitation he was in a position to say there was very little distress. The army was made headquarters for relief, but up to a late hour no applicants had visited the building and at St. Paul's church only a few applied for relief.

Scores of people were hurt or burned, but the loss of life is not thought to be great. A driver of one of the fire engines was hurled from his seat and will die. A man serving coffee to the exhausted firemen was hit on the head by a falling brand and will not live. An old lady, Mrs. Brown, died from excitement on being moved. She was over 80 years old.

Fire Dying Out.

Pateron, N. J., Feb. 10.—The fierce conflagration, which burned its way through the business centres of Pateron yesterday, has completely spent its force and is quickly dying out in the ashes and broken bricks of its ruin.

Conservative opinion is inclined to-day to cut \$2,000,000 from the aggregate loss of \$10,000,000 agreed upon yesterday, and \$8,000,000 will probably be accepted finally as the actual cost of the fire. Probably no fire of equal magnitude and widespread destructiveness ever produced an equally small casualty list. Dozens of firemen and volunteers who labored with them, were slightly injured by falling bricks and timber, burned by flying firebrands, or temporarily overcome by smoke, but only a few of them needed any surgical operation or medical attendance.

Eleven Persons Killed.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 9.—An early morning fire, which destroyed the Empire hotel, a large lodging house occupied by men exclusively, caused the death of 11 persons and dangerously injured eight others. Ten or more who had narrow escapes from death in the fire were more or less injured by being frost bitten.

It is estimated that there were between 35 and 40 persons in the building, and it is believed all have been accounted for. Twenty thousand dollars will cover the damage to the building and contents.

Fire in Brooklyn.

New York, Feb. 9.—An official statement of the damage done by the fire which destroyed the plant of the Shalbolt Manufacturing company in Brooklyn this morning fixed the loss at \$300,000. Fourteen people were injured and taken to the hospitals and a number of others were attended by ambulance physicians on the spot. Other buildings destroyed included a Bainbridge Sons' stationery manufacturers, and J. K. Parker & Co., shirt waist manufacturers.

Store Destroyed.

Frederickton, N.B., Feb. 9.—M. Fickler & Co.'s department store was burned this morning. The loss is \$35,000.

Big Blaze at Seattle.

Seattle, Feb. 9.—Fire gutted the top story of the Seattle Cereal Company's mill on Railroad avenue last night, and with water did \$20,000 damage.

Quarter of a Million.

New York, Feb. 10.—Fire broke out in the Pier Co., of the Lehigh Valley railway this morning and the loss, including damage to shipping, is \$250,000.

Theatre Fire.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 10.—The Orpheum theatre, in Washington street, opposite the city hall, was damaged by fire this morning to the extent of \$30,000. The flames spread with such rapidity that three attaches of the theatre, who were in the building when the fire started, were overcome by smoke and severely burned before they could be rescued by the firemen. None will die. This is the third time inside of six months that the theatre has been on fire.

JUDGE LISTER DEAD.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 9.—Judge Lister, of Ontario Court of Appeals, died this morning from heart failure, in his 84th year.

Dominion Cabinet Ministers.



HON. CLIFFORD SIFTON, K. C.,
Minister of the Interior.

Hon. Clifford Sifton was born in the township of London, Middlesex county, Ont., on March 10th, 1861. He is the son of Hon. J. W. Sifton, at one time speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, and Kate Watkins, both of whom came from Ireland and settled in Middlesex county. He was educated in the London High School and Victoria University, from which institution he received the gold medal. He married on August 14th, 1884, Elizabeth Anna, daughter of H. T. Burrows, formerly of Ottawa. He studied law in the office of Hon. R. C. Biegs, K.C., in Winnipeg, and began the practice of his profession in Brandon, where he became senior partner in the firm of Sifton, Philip & Cameron. He was elected a member of the board of school trustees and in 1886 was appointed solicitor for the Western Judicial Board. He held a seat in the Manitoba Legislative Assembly for North Brandon, and in 1891 he was appointed a member of the Executive Council as Attorney-General, and was also in charge of the Department of Education and Crown Lands, which positions he held until 1896, when he resigned. On November 17th, 1896, he was sworn in as a member of the Privy Council and became Minister of the Interior. November 27th he was elected by acclamation to the House of Commons for Brandon, which he now represents.

DEWET HAS AGAIN ELUDED BRITISH

BROKE THROUGH LINE FORMED BY SOLDIERS

In Attempts to Escape Boers Lost
Nearly Three Hundred Killed,
Wounded and Captured.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 9.—From Wolvehoek Lord Kitchener has to-day telegraphed a long description of a combined movement of numerous British columns with the object of securing General Dewet.

Lord Kitchener says the advance began the night of February 5th, the whole force moving from various directions and forming a continuous line of mounted men on the west bank of the Liebenbergers Vlei, from Frankfort south, and thence to Kaffirpoort. The line then advanced to the west and the following night the British entrenched with their outposts 50 yards apart. They held the line from Holland, on the Heilbron-Frankfort blockhouse line, to Dornkloof on the Koonstadt-Lindley blockhouse line, while the columns were also working in advance of the blockhouse lines to prevent Dewet crossing.

The advance was continued on February 6th, and Dewet was within the enclosure, but realizing his position he ordered his men to disperse and seek safety during the night. Dewet himself, with some men and a number of cattle, made for the Koonstadt-Lindley blockhouse line and at 1 o'clock in the morning when it was very dark, by rushing his cattle at the fence, broke his way through the line, mixed up with the cattle and lost three men killed.

Many attempts were made to break through the line on the night of February 7th, reports Lord Kitchener, the line of outposts being attacked at various points throughout the night. But very few escaped and ten dead Boers were picked up in the morning near Heilbron.

"I did not get exact details of the Boer casualties," continues Lord Kitchener, "but as far as I have ascertained they consist of 283 in killed, wounded and prisoners, as well as about 700 head of horses and many cattle. Our casualties are only ten."

ALLAN LINER ASHORE.

(Associated Press.)

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 9.—The Allan liner Gremlin, from Liverpool, is ashore on the rocks near York redoubt. She went ashore during a heavy snowstorm. A portion of her cargo has been removed and she may get off in the morning.



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BOERS WILL SEND A REQUEST TO ENGLAND

Loyds Declares Action of Dutch Premier an Unwarrantable Interference in Transvaal Affairs.

London, Feb. 8.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Utrecht indicates the probability of the removal of the Boer headquarters to Genoa on account of friction between Mr. Kruger and his associates and the Dutch government. Dr. Loyds, representative in Europe of the Transvaal, is reported declaring that the recent proposals looking to the establishment of peace in South Africa made by the Dutch premier, Dr. Kruger, were an unwarrantable interference in the affairs of the Transvaal. Some of the Boer delegates, it is said, are at variance with Dr. Loyds.

A dispatch to Reuters from Brussels says: "It is understood here that the delegates have decided to submit to the conditions laid down in Lord Lansdowne's communication to the Dutch government, and are preparing a communication to the British government, asking permission to visit South Africa, and setting forth the object of the proposed visit. It is expected that the request will reach England next week."

PROHIBITION.

Principal Grant Declares Its Advocates Are on Wrong Side of Track.

Toronto, Feb. 8.—The Globe publishes a second letter from Principal Grant this morning, in which he declares the advocates of prohibition to be on the wrong side of the track, and doing more harm than good to the cause of temperance.

He refers to the Tilley prohibition law passed in New Brunswick in 1850, and to its utter failure in St. John, a failure so great that men drank openly in public places, drunkenness became rife, and there were more deaths from drunkenness in a few months than there had been in years. A quarrel followed between the governor and his council; then dissolution followed, with the result that only two members out of 42 came back in favor of prohibition, and the law was immediately repealed. The experience of Prince Edward Island with regard to the city of Charlottetown is very similar.

SAD SUICIDE.

Boy Afraid He Would Be Sent to Prison Ended His Life.

Decatur, Ill., Feb. 8.—Because he did not know how to deposit money in a bank and had committed forgery, John Kohler, aged 17, son of a farmer living near Decatur, killed himself. Kohler had earned \$20 and came to the city to deposit it. When he stopped up to the teller's window he presented a cheque bearing his father's name. It was a forgery and an officer was called. He took the boy home for an investigation. Arriving there the officer stepped into one of the rooms to talk with the boy's mother, about the matter. Young Kohler, thoroughly frightened and evidently believing that he was going to be sent to the penitentiary, stepped into the next room, picked up a shotgun, placed the muzzle against his forehead and pulled the trigger. The top of his head was blown off.

SUNK IN COLLISION.

Remarkable Series of Mishaps on the River Thames.

London, Feb. 8.—There was a remarkable series of collisions on the Thames today. The collier Poplar, of London, while entering Regent's canal basin, was run down by the French steamer Cordillera from the Rio Plata, with a cargo of frozen meat. The Poplar swung off and struck the British steamer Morisco, having on board 24 passengers and a cargo for Mogador, Morocco. All three vessels sank. The crews and passengers were rescued by tugs, but the Poplar in attempting to beach herself, sank two river barges before going down herself.

DR. WILSON ON CATARRH.

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COLOMBIAN AFFAIRS.

Foreign Consuls' Reply to the Insurgent General Herrera.

Panama, Feb. 8.—The foreign consuls here have agreed to send to the insurgent General Herrera the following answer to his note addressed to the United States, French, British and German consuls: "His Excellency, Acting Governor Aristides, Arkona.—Through the governor we beg to reply that the proposal declared by Panama Colon, and the railroad line a neutral zone, is ideal, and something that we, representing foreign interests, would gladly hail as an accomplished fact. However, as we see it at present, and in view of existing laws, we recognize the difficulty, if not the impossibility of its accomplishment. It could be done only by agreement between the contending parties to this unpleasant and unfortunate trouble. We are extremely anxious to do all in our power to lessen the mortality and useless waste of property, yet it must be over and positively understood that we have been and will continue to remain neutral.

"As regards the advising of their respective governments, each consul will exercise his individual judgment. In case the contending forces submit to us or to any members of our body any matter and ask advice for its determination, we shall be ready and willing, if the same is within the scope of our duties, but any and all initial measures must be taken by the two contending parties, and first agreed upon by them. Any other course would subject us to the charge of meddling in local affairs which is not our province, purpose, or desire. Foreigners and foreign protection have a right to full and ample protection. This we shall, under all circumstances, insist upon. The governments having special treaty rights will, we see that, see that they will be an early termination of the civil strife, which has existed for over two years. I beg to subscribe myself in behalf of the consular corps, very truly, H. A. Gudger, Dean Consular Corps."

CHINESE EXCLUSION.

Former Governor of California Says Kahn-Mitchell Bill Will Exclude Undesirable Orientals.

New York, Feb. 8.—Former Governor Budd, of California, is in this city, after having testified in Washington before the committee in charge of the Chinese Exclusion Bill. The failure of the Kahn-Mitchell Chinese Exclusion Bill to pass before the end of the session, he says in an interview, will mean the extension of the present Chinese regulations for the exclusion of Chinese to this country, and will mean a great influx of Chinese before the opportunity to enact restrictive legislation occurs again.

"The Kahn-Mitchell Bill now before both Houses is framed," continued Mr. Budd, "as to provide for the humane treatment of those Chinese permitted entry to this country, and it excludes perfectly all Chinese coolies and laborers of all sorts. It is a bill against which nothing can be said, and there is no other bill under consideration which can in any way compare with it for effectiveness. If enacted into a law, it will fulfill all the purposes for which it was drawn, and will prevent the entrance into this country of the undesirable element among the Chinese. It makes adequate provision for the transportation of the Chinese to the most desirable of the islands of the Pacific, and which have been considered heretofore."

WILL BE INVESTIGATED.

Secretary Hay Takes Action in Regard to Claims by W. Radcliffe.

Denver, Col., Feb. 8.—The News today says that a demand has been made upon Governor Orman by Secretary of State Hay, at Washington, for an investigation of the destruction of the summer of the buildings of Wm. Radcliffe, an Englishman, located at Grand Mesa Lakes, in this state, by a mob. Radcliffe appealed to British Ambassador Pannecote for redress, demanding \$55,000 damages of the state of Colorado. The trouble arose out of a dispute between ranchmen and Radcliffe over fishing privileges, and culminated in the killing of a ranchman named Womack by one of Radcliffe's guards. A few days later the buildings on the lakes were destroyed by fire, claimed by friends of Womack, in revenge for his death. The matter was originally referred to Governor Orman early in January, and, according to the News, a communication from Secretary Hay has just been received asking what had become of it.

CAR JUMPED TRACK.

Four Passengers Injured But None of Them Seriously.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 8.—The last car on the steamship special on the Intercolonial railway, containing passengers from the Allan liner Ionian, which arrived at Halifax 10 o'clock last night, jumped the track at Grand Lake, about 25 miles out of this city, early this morning. Four passengers, Mrs. A. E. Wright, Miss M. Wright, Master A. E. Wright and Miss H. M. Tiner, were injured, but none seriously. They were on the way to Montreal.

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THE "THEATRICAL TRUST."

William Archer Replies to Criticisms Which Have Appeared in the London Times.

London, Feb. 8.—Wm. Archer, the dramatic critic and author, has taken up the cudgels in behalf of the American "theatrical trust" or rather against what he claims to be the absurd criticisms aimed at it, which have recently appeared in the London Times. Mr. Archer points out that he was one of the first to denounce the "syndicate's" unsuccessful attempt to terrorize the press, and that therefore he cannot be accused of partiality. "But," he adds, "it makes me a little tired to see the syndicate subjected to irrational abuse, which can only exacerbate its members and obscure the real point at issue." Quoting the London Times' editorial of the 24th inst., Mr. Archer says: "On what other basis has it ever rested in America or England? Truly there have been frequent instances in London, and I dare say in America, where theatres have been endowed by the interests of ladies whose beauty was perhaps more conspicuous than their talent. Even in these cases I hope profit was sometimes not lacking. Were the American managers in the syndicate days given to embarking in enterprises for the sake of art without any hope of profit? The insinuation that Mr. Frohman is degrading art is entirely unjust. From the Times, the English readers cannot but gather that Mr. Frohman deliberately panders to corrupt tastes, and that consequently the American stage is less decent and reputable than the English stage. If the latter proposition is true, and it is very questionable, the fault certainly is not Mr. Frohman's. "He degrades the American stage neither more nor less than George Edwards, Frank Gunson and a dozen other managers degrade the English stage. Were I an American critic I would warmly support all honest endeavors to break down Mr. Frohman's monopoly, and should vigorously remonstrate with him for his really shortsighted neglect of native American art, but I certainly should not assail him for trying to make his theatres pay. What else can he possibly do?"

SMALLPOX IN LONDON.

Many Citizens Are Insuring Themselves Against the Epidemic.

London, Feb. 8.—With the increase in the number of cases of smallpox, London's population is flocking to insurance offices in order to get insured against the epidemic. In the history of London no such plethora of insurance was ever recorded as has arisen on account of the present scare. Some financial men have been insured for as much as £7,000 against the risk of catching smallpox, but the average policy is about £250. The Outlook says: "The medical reports infer that May or June will be the worst months. If this is true it is a serious menace to the success of the coronation festivities."

LINER DELAYED.

Steamer St. Paul Had Rough Trip Across the Atlantic.

New York, Feb. 8.—The passengers of the American liner St. Paul, which has arrived at Southampton, nearly two days overdue, had an unusually rough experience with wind, waves and fog. A London telegram to the Herald, dated last night, said the liner was not until half-past ten on Thursday morning, and it took nearly 24 hours from that time to make port. Foul weather was experienced from the time the vessel passed Sandy Hook.

MAY MARRY A PRINCE.

New York, Feb. 8.—It is rumored that Miss Helen A. Gorham Wild, an American resident in Paris, says a Paris correspondent of the Herald, is about to marry Prince Eugene of Sweden, if he gains his father's assent, and arranges to resign his right to the succession to the throne of the Bernolotes, his elder brother Oscar died when he made a moribund alliance. Prince Eugene is a painter, and has lived in the Latin quarter for many years.

EXCLUDED FROM COURT.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—Emperor William is so incensed at the spiritualist movement that he has issued a notification through the North German Gazette that all persons in any way connected with spiritualists, faith healers, Christian Scientists, or kindred cults, will hereafter be excluded from the Imperial court.

The Germ Theory Of Cancer

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PICTURE PUZZLE.

Can you find her three brothers?

purpose the defaulting politician will find an excuse ready to hand for his treachery. The most successful governments the world has known in the past forty years were formed of more than one party. Sir John Macdonald's first ministry after confederation was made up of Liberals and Conservatives; hence the term "Liberal-Conservative." His record ministry, which governed Canada eighteen years, was a coalition government. The Salisbury government, which has held power in Great Britain eight years and governed the country well, is the outcome of a coalition between Liberals and Tories. The Waldeck-Rousseau ministry in France, the only ministry that has remained in power for a longer period than nine months since the republic was proclaimed, is composed of representatives from three parties. The average life of straight party governments in France has been four months. The German government is composed of Conservatives and Liberals. The province of New Brunswick has a two-party government and an effort to introduce party lines at the last general election resulted in only four members in favor of the innovation being returned to the legislature. Occasional party lines when a party government will be welcomed here—but the occasion is not now—the time has not yet come. If I am asked on what I base that opinion I shall point to the men who took charge of the Liberal convention after Senator Templeman, Mr. Bodwell, Mr. Duff, Mr. Davis, Mr. E. J. Jones and other Liberals of the highest character left it and ask whether your readers would be willing to throw those gentlemen aside and march in a procession with Messrs. Maxwell, Martin and McInnes as party leaders. Under existing circumstances I fear a continuation of the no-party government. In any emergency I would not follow a leader whom my party will not follow.

I wish to close as I began this letter with an allusion to the attack of the Colonist on the convention and its work. Ordinarily the attack would not count for much, but as the Colonist is the personal organ of the Premier the new attitude would seem to indicate that there is a rift in the lute on which Mr. Martin and Mr. Dunsinuir have played in duo these many moons, and that as one result of the ruction which is evidently about to occur, the people will come to their own senses. A day or two may witness startling developments. We shall see. In the meantime the people should not relax their efforts to force the government to bring on the Victoria city election before the meeting of the House. Mr. Martin is pledged by the convention to resign to permit (1) any other legislation before a redistribution bill has been passed; and with Victoria shy of a member, while other districts are fully represented, the people of Victoria will readily understand what their fate will be should their voting force not be full.

Personal.

Several of the delegates to the Liberal convention are visiting the capital before returning to their homes in the interior. Registered at the Victoria Hotel are many of our country contingent, among them being J. C. Greene, proprietor of the Queen's Hotel, Golden; D. A. Good, a prominent business man of the same town; Mayor A. W. Goodenough, of Kaslo; and Alex. McInnes, Revelstoke. These delegates were rather reticent regarding the outcome of the convention, but they shook their heads in an ominous way when Joseph Martin's leadership was mentioned. One of the delegates, who did not wish his name mentioned, said that he was not in the convention because he was sent by our Liberal Association for that purpose, but I realize how unpoplar Mr. Martin is in our district, and I feel certain that the majority of the Liberals will not be bound by the decision of the convention. Mayor Goodenough, of Kaslo, reports that business is brighter than the season for years, and that there is every promise of a good season. At the same popular hotel are several of the island delegates, among them Dr. Millard, of Courtenay; Alex. Herd, Summers, Walter Ford, Duncan; E. A. Barker, Nanaimo; Angus McKinnon, Duncan; and F. W. Welch, Nanaimo.

Alexander Munroe, the managing director of the Montreal & Boston Copper Company, owning the Sunset mine, near Greenwood, B. C., said this morning that arrangements were not completed for the purchase of the pyrite smelter by his company. Mr. Greenfield, K. C., Mr. Bellinger and himself will discuss the matter with E. J. Wilson, Messrs. Price's representative, who is expected here from Greenwood this evening. Mr. Bellinger, through examination of the smelter for the Montreal & Boston company, and, although not stated, it is presumed that his report was not unfavorable since Mr. Wilson is coming here to continue the negotiations. Mr. Munroe says the Sunset never looked better, and if his company could not arrange to purchase the plant, smelter they would build one to treat the large body of ore that is in sight on the Sunset.

Politicians were busy today. The busiest among them was Joseph Martin, the new leader of the Liberals who endore the findings of the Vancouver convention. He has been seen discussing the future with pro-Martin men and defending the convention against the criticisms of those who do not agree with him. Mr. Martin came down from Vancouver last night and registered at the Vernon. His first lieutenant, W. W. B. McInnes, arrived from Vancouver by Saturday.

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day's steamer, but went over to Seattle yesterday. He will return this evening. Dr. C. F. Newcombe left on the steamer Roselle this morning en route to Ketchikan. At Seattle he will connect with the steamer Dolphin, proceeding North to Astoria. The doctor is on one of his periodical collecting tours, gathering curios for Eastern universities. Capt. Geo. Roberts left for the Sound yesterday, after spending an extended holiday in this city. It is presumed that he will again take charge of one of the Alaska Steamship Company's vessels.

Mrs. L. E. Erb and Miss Macrae leave for San Francisco by the steamer Majestic tonight. The former goes on a visit to friends in California. Miss Macrae has been visiting her parents in this city.

J. D. Graham, gold commissioner at Atlin, returned from Seattle this morning. He intends visiting California before returning North.

T. W. Holland, mayor of Grand Forks and general manager of the Hot Air Line, is at the Drift, accompanied by his secretary. J. N. Greenfield, K. C., A. Munroe, Montreal, H. C. Bellinger and others visited the Victoria Hotel yesterday. B. W. Greer, assistant general freight agent of the C. P. R., is at the Drift. H. Sharp, contractor for M. J. Conlin's hotel at Orono, is at the Dominion. J. C. Conlin, Pither & Lester's travelling representative, is at the Dominion. D. G. Macdonell, the Vancouver barrister, is at the Drift.

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THE SELECTION OF LEADER AT VANCOUVER

Pro-Martin Delegates Were Secured From Outside Constituencies by the Payment of Expenses.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

Vancouver, Feb. 8.—The Liberal convention is a thing of the past. Joseph Martin is leader, and he and his followers announce themselves as the Liberal party of the province, ready and willing to fight all future provincial battles as party men. An analysis of the body which so enthusiastically declared for party lines and Joseph Martin will prove interesting. Strange as it may appear there are still a few Martin men in nearly every constituency in the province, but the great majority of Liberals believed that after the decisive defeat of Martin in 1900 he would make no further effort to be the dominant factor in the Liberal party. When the call for a convention was issued but few thought that Martin would make an organized effort to secure the leadership, and the matter was not even considered at the meetings of the different Liberal associations which elected delegates. Throughout the interior and other distant constituencies it was difficult to secure men who could spare the necessary time and money to attend the Vancouver convention, and in nearly every instance volunteers were asked for. From information gathered at the convention it is safe to say that the majority of the volunteers were Martin supporters. Their readiness to attend the convention is easily accounted for by reason of the fact that Mr. Martin sent letters and telegrams to supporters throughout the country, urging that delegates be sent to the convention, expenses to be paid by him. The recipients of Mr. Martin's communications were the volunteers recently accepted as delegates by the various Liberal associations. Mr. Martin was assisted in this work by W. W. B. McInnes and others. It is safe to say that had the Liberals known what a sure way to be elected in the convention nearly every delegate would have been instructed to oppose Joseph Martin. Even in Victoria the Liberals were apparently ignorant of Mr. Martin's plans, since at the meeting which elected delegates a resolution was introduced and passed accepting volunteers as delegates to the convention. Of course there were delegates not appointed in this loose way, and the majority of those left the convention as a protest against Martin. Some of the Lilloet and Cariboo delegates who remained did so on the distinct understanding that they would not be bound by its decisions, but would report to their respective associations what had taken place and future action would be determined by these associations. Among the delegates who left the convention in disgust was R. G. McPherson, the popular president of the Vancouver Liberal association, but his place was promptly filled by another Vancouver man more amenable to Martin's influence.

Before the members of the executive and the Liberal editors were expelled the Martin supporters eloquently dilated on the injustice of having delegates not elected by popular vote, but after the session of the anti-Martin forces every effort was made to secure others to fill their places. Dr. Wade, Kamloops, who was not good enough to be present as the editor of the Kamloops Sentinel, the oldest Liberal newspaper in the interior, was strongly urged to take a seat in the convention, to replace J. D. Swanson who, after making a brave fight for fair play, quit the convention in disgust. Although the majority report of the credentials committee was unanimously accepted, and this report recommended the seating of half of each of the Esquimalt delegations, when the delegates appointed by the Esquimalt Liberal association left, the other half of the Annette delegation was seated without regard to the majority report or the resolution accepting the same. Other changes were made in the personnel of the convention without authority.

The convention was equally unfortunate in securing representative men to act as members of its executive. Dr. A. C. Sinclair, one of the interior stalwarts, utterly repudiates any connection with the Martin convention and indignantly refuses to accept any office at his hands. Alex. Urquhart, of Comox, is another of the appointed officers who states that the use of his name in that connection was unauthorized, and it is understood that R. S. Taylor, K.C., of Nelson, will refuse to be associated with the Martin executive.

In the discussion of the resolution declaring for party lines, which was moved by James McQueen, of Vancouver, several spoke in favor of the movement.

Mr. McQueen pointed out that a party line programme would keep members in line who had a penchant for jumping about from one side to the other. If the Liberals had declared for party lines in 1897 they would have swept the province. W. W. B. McInnes and Alex. Wilson bailed with delight the resolution and Richard Hall was thoroughly in accord with it.

James Stables, M.P.P., was glad to hear such expressions of opinion from Island men. For a long time Victoria had run the whole province. Victoria had secured the postponement of the convention, and Victoria had appointed a Cassiar delegation. Mr. Stables was continuing to criticize Victoria, but he was stopped by Mr. Hall, who threatened to leave the convention.

J. C. Brown's conversion to the party line idea was slow but sure, and Joseph Martin had always been strongly in favor of party lines. He was not particularly anxious that those who left the convention should return. John Oliver had become a convert to the party line idea. He was the only one who referred to the question of leadership at this time. He eulogized Mr. Martin, but he cautioned the convention against overlooking the fact that there was a very strong



A DASH OF WINTER—A SCENE IN THE PARK.

feeling against him throughout the province.

The resolution in favor of party lines carried unanimously. Chas. Woodward introduced a resolution which evoked a statement from Mr. Martin. His resolution was that Liberal M.P.P.s in the legislature be asked to support a redistribution measure.

John Oliver, M.P.P., said it would be unwise to bind the members at this time, as some of them, himself included, had been elected by Conservatives as well as Liberals. They had trouble enough in the legislature without being further bound by mandatory resolutions of the convention.

Joseph Martin, M.P.P., was elected as a Liberal candidate, and he was not bound to the Conservatives in any way. In the future he intended to bend his course in the legislature to the interests of the Liberal party. He supported the present government last session, and possibly might support it this session, because he preferred it to a straight Conservative government, which he believed would be formed if the present government were defeated. He preferred Dunsinuir and associates to Helmecken, McPhillips, McBride, Garden and Taylor, even if they were leavened by the presence of E. V. Bodwell. His position in the House was untrammelled and his future conduct would have in view only the advancement of the Liberal party.

Mr. Oliver duly endorsed Mr. Martin's statement.

The platform, as already published, was cut and dried, and was passed without much discussion. Then came the resolution endorsing Geo. R. Maxwell for a cabinet position. It was moved by J. F. Bledsoe, seconded by Tully Boyce, and read as follows:

That we, the delegates representing the Liberals of the province of British Columbia, now in convention assembled, wish to express deep appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. G. R. Maxwell, M. P., to the cause of Liberalism in this province, and strongly urge his fitness for the cabinet representation now open for consideration.

Mr. Oliver urged that this resolution be withdrawn. This convention had no right to consider a matter of this nature. There were many good men in the Liberal ranks. The member for his district, Mr. Morrison, would make an excellent cabinet minister. For Senator Templeman he had the highest regard and he would rather see the resolution withdrawn.

Mr. McInnes praised Mr. Maxwell and pressed for the passage of the resolution. It was put and carried, although several voted against it.

05 to 25. There were no nominations. Delegates were given blank ballots. They wrote their choice and the ballots were handed in and counted. The result follows: Joseph Martin, 47; W. W. B. McInnes, 17; J. C. Brown, 8; G. R. Maxwell, 4; James McQueen, 4; John Oliver, 3; Richard Hall, 3; Stuart Henderson, 1; spoiled ballot, 1.

The result was received with cheers. Mr. Martin in accepting the leadership said that he had been a politician for a long time and had a varied career. His party in some respects had been good to him. He had declined high positions offered by the Dominion government, positions which offered emolument and freedom from care, but no position gave him greater pleasure than that offered by the convention, although he knew that there would not be much comfort in it. He spoke in an optimistic vein regarding the bright chances for success and asked for the support of all Liberals. He naively confessed his expectation of leadership by saying that an up-country delegate had told him the day before that he was very popular in his district, and the people didn't want him as a leader. Mr. Martin promised then this delegate to go into the hostile district and show the people that he was not as black as painted.

Messrs. Gilmour, McInnes, Brown and Oliver proclaimed their allegiance to Mr. Martin, telling the audience that he was a leader easy to get along with. Mr. Stables said he was the last of the five members to support Mr. Martin. He also eulogized Mr. Martin and wound up the convention by singing "I'm Off to Philadelphia in the Morning."

Saturday morning the executive met and decided to send Sir Wilfrid Laurier a letter explanatory of the resolution endorsing Mr. Maxwell for a cabinet position. It was decided to hold the next convention at Revelstoke.

FUNERAL OF SENATOR VICTIMS.

They Were Laid to Rest at Vancouver on Friday of Last Week.

A particularly sad and impressive service was performed by the Rev. H. G. Finnes-Clinton on Friday, when he read the beautiful words of the Church of England funeral service over the remains of James Stalker and Louis Schmidt, who lost their lives by asphyxiation while on the steamer Senator at Sidney, V.I., on Wednesday night.

James Stalker was the only son of Captain Stalker, one of the oldest and best known mariners in these waters. He was engaged to be married, and upon this taking place the father intended retiring from active work, and making his home with the young couple.

Louis Schmidt, the deceased engineer of the Senator, was married, and leaves a widow and eight young children. These circumstances combined with the sudden termination of the lives of the two young men in the prime of their manhood, rendered the service particularly sad. The funeral was very largely attended; every employee of the Union Steamship Company in Vancouver, from the manager down, was present, also a number of local steamboat men, besides many friends and sympathizers with the families of the deceased. The flags on all the vessels of the Union Steamship Company's fleet, and on many of the other craft in port floated at half mast, and the offices of the company were closed as a token of respect and sympathy for the bereaved families.—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

The speed of the fastest railway train is not much more than half that of the golden eagle's flight. The bird often makes 140 miles an hour.

During the summer, as has been the case in the past, the fast steamers will call at only two or three intermediate points between Seattle and Skagway. The freighters, though, will stop at the out-of-the-way ports.

In addition to the present steamers which are being operated on the Sound the Puget Navigation company is considering the proposition of building two or three more vessels. As the routes now stand the Majestic and Rosalie are on the Victoria run; the Alice Gertrude on the Neah Bay run, the Lydia Thompson on the Mill route, and the R. P. Elmore and Evangeline are held in reserve as spare craft. The routes for the new Sound steamers are not known.

Capt. Troup, manager of the C.P.N. company, said that the company's northern schedule would also be soon completed. None of the plans of the company's new steamers had yet been approved.

A VANCOUVER "FAKE." The industrious correspondents in Vancouver, under the name of the recent action taken by the board of trade, there to try and overtake their "fake" dispatches, are now busily employed in circulating stories to the effect that H.M.S. Egeria, which went in search of the Condor, is causing anxiety to the authorities. When the Queen City reached here a few days ago and reported that she had not seen the Egeria, the fact was chronicled in the local press, and telegraphed abroad, but without suggestion that there was the slightest cause for apprehension regarding her. The bold statement was picked up on the

mainland, however, and converted into a scare story, notwithstanding the fact that nothing is known there apart from what is sent from Victoria, the Queen City making her home port here, and not passing near Vancouver. As a matter of fact the Grant, saw the Egeria and transferred to her the Condor boat found on the West Coast.

The Vancouver fakers, however, must be credited with some degree of finish to their fairy tales, which lack the clumsiness characteristic of the purile efforts of their Victoria understudy. Pieces of bargain-counter sailor cloth have doubtless been found at times around Stanley park, but the correspondents there have never asked their readers to accept a statement that they were parts of a sailor's hat trim "possibly" from the Condor, as the Colonist did when such a rumour was picked up at Beacon Hill. Nor have they offended against the laws of good taste by painting Capt. Troup, of the United States cutter Grant, as a marine moonstruck, bent on vandalism, when that officer was generously assisting in searching for a missing warship of another nation. The story published by the Colonist, that Capt. Troup was pilaging the tribal villages in search of curios has not been reported to Collector Milne, and it is not credited by him. It will be remembered that a similar story was published about a year ago respecting the Grant, which was flatly denied by the officers of that ship.

As for the dispatch from Victoria to the Province, giving currency to a theory that anxiety was felt for the Egeria, it was not sent by the Province's correspondent in this city. The Egeria is now being looked for, although no time was fixed prior to her departure for the date of her return. Yesterday's tale, it is thought, carried what wreckage that might have washed up on the shores seaward, and in this way the storm gales now being made by the Egeria along the coast. The ship's doors and some other fittings which came ashore on the coast in the vicinity of Ahousset undoubtedly came in part from the lost cutter Highland Light, which foundered off shore a few months ago. The Highland Light was a wooden ship and it is reasonable to presume that when she breaks up portions of her will come ashore.

FREIGHT RATES DROP. Charter rates are dropping, and now ranging from 28s. to 29s. The latest carrier was taken at 28s. 6d., as against 30s. but a week or so ago. The British ship Clan McPherson, which arrived at San Francisco on January 4th, lost her charter to Balfour, Guthrie & Co., from the Sound at £1 17s. 6d., and has been rechartered to load for United Kingdom, Havre, Antwerp, or Dunkirk, at 28s. 9d., a loss of \$2.10 a ton on freight to her owners.

The British barque Fulwood has been reported as under charter from Portland to carry lumber, but the rate has not been made public.

The Oregonian states that there are more than thirty French vessels on the list of arrivals, or to arrive this season at Portland. This, the paper continues, is one cause of the decline in the rates.

SCHOONER PESCOTT SOLD. The schooner George W. Prescott on Saturday passed into the possession of C. W. Baxter. The vessel has been lying in the upper harbor for two or three months. She was labelled for wages due her crew since her last voyage north, and for money due for repairs effected since her return. On Saturday she was sold by Deputy Sheriff Siddell under an order of the Exchequer court. Bidding was poor. It started at \$500, and reached only \$825, the buyer being among those holding a loan on the vessel. The Prescott is the vessel which rescued the

crews of the barque Highland Light, which foundered off the West Coast of the Island. She was an American schooner, and is well adapted for almost any kind of ocean going trade in the schooner line.

BROTCHY LEDGE BEACON. A notice to mariners has just been issued from the department of marine and fisheries, giving a description of Brochty ledge beacon. The beacon consists of the frustum of a cone in steel, filled with concrete. The top of the beacon is 10 feet in diameter, and rises 10 feet above high water mark. The superstructure consists of an open framework in steel, supporting the fog horn and the incandescent electric lamps. The framework is in the shape of the frustum of a pyramid. The lamps are 12 feet above the concrete, or 22 feet above high water mark. The whole of the beacon, including the open framework superstructure, is painted black.

EXCHANGED MESSAGES AT SEA. The steamer Lucania, which arrived at New York yesterday, exchanged 100 telegrams with the Umbria in mid-ocean, to be sent from Lizard and Nantucket lightship respectively, to friends of passengers on this side and in England.

INSPECTED NEW CRUISER. Capt. Walbran and Prof. Prince, head of the Dominion fisheries, on Friday afternoon inspected the government fisheries cruiser, which is now in course of construction at the Wallace shipyard on False creek, says the Vancouver Province. The vessel was looked over with a view to suggesting certain improvements and alterations to the de-

partment of marine and fisheries. A report embodying a number of suggestions was wired to Ottawa last night by Prof. Prince. Work on the hull of the cruiser is now about completed, and with the arrival of a few fine days the caulking will have been accomplished.

MARINE NOTES. In consequence of the news received here concerning the vessel passed about 330 miles off the coast by the steamer Olympia and which is supposed to be the overdue sugar ship Polmina, that vessel has been struck from the insurance list. The Polmina has not yet arrived, and it off the Straits yesterday would no doubt be further delayed by the prevailing winds.

Plans are being prepared in New Westminster for a new steamer to be 122 feet long, 18 feet by the beam and 11 feet in depth of hold. She is to be built for a New Westminster syndicate and will be available for cannery work and general towing.

The barque Roma, from Port Angeles, called at the quarantine station yesterday for inspection while en route to Vancouver in tow of the tug Pioneer. The vessel loads at the Mainland for Shanghai.

The lumber laden ship Elizabeth Nicholson has secured a crew in Esquimalt and is now ready to sail. The ships Ketchikan and Andromeda are the other merchantmen at anchor in Esquimalt.

Steamer Amur sails to-night for Skagway. The Queen City, another of the C.P.N. fleet, also leaves to-night for West Coast points.

Steamer Oscar has been hauled on Turpel's ways for a cleaning and painting.

COMPANIES' PLANS FOR NEW SEASON

MANY STEAMERS WILL AGAIN BE OPERATED

Report That Spokane Will Be Run on Victoria Route—The Egeria Being Looked For.

The announcement has been made that the Pacific Coast Steamship company has purchased the steamer Egeria, belonging to the Pacific Steam Whaling company, with a view of placing her on the Alaskan run, and that in view of this acquisition to the company's fleet the new steamer Spokane is to be placed on the San Francisco-Victoria route. This report has not reached the local agents of the company in this city. They know nothing at least as yet that the Spokane will be placed on any different schedule to that which the company's new folder has just assigned her for, namely, the Alaskan route. If a change is made it is probably due to the opposition being given the Pacific Coast company by the Portland Steamship company. The steamer of this company's fleet running between the Golden Gate and Seattle are receiving a fairly good patronage, and as a consequence the company are arranging for the construction of a new vessel to cost \$120,000 for the route. It is said that if the Spokane is placed on the Victoria run it will be in succession to the City of Puebla, and the Valencia will ply on the Alaskan route.

All Puget Sound companies engaged in the Alaskan trade are now hastening themselves regarding plans for the future. Another company of Seattle capitalists, it is said, are about to enter the business and will construct a fine large 1,200 ton steamer, which will have a



Photo by Langley.

speed of 15 knots an hour and will cost in the neighborhood of \$250,000. According to the Pacific Coast Steamship company that concern will operate six steamers on the Lynn Canal and Southeastern Alaska run, two on the Nome run, three of the fastest boats on the coast operating between here and San Francisco, and connecting regularly with the San Francisco-Los Angeles and the Mexican liners.

The well-known Senator and the State of California will be operated to Nome all during the open season. The Senator sails on her first voyage June 1, and the State on June 7.

The Alaskan Steamship company have purchased the steamer Lincoln to add to the northern fleet.

The plan of the company includes not only the purchase of a fast passenger steamer, but the purchase also of a commodious vessel to operate in conjunction with the Dirigo and Farallone. This will give them two passenger steamers and three freighters, five vessels all told, that are to be operated permanently on the Lynn Canal and Southeastern Alaska route.

During the summer, as has been the case in the past, the fast steamers will call at only two or three intermediate points between Seattle and Skagway. The freighters, though, will stop at the out-of-the-way ports.

In addition to the present steamers which are being operated on the Sound the Puget Navigation company is considering the proposition of building two or three more vessels. As the routes now stand the Majestic and Rosalie are on the Victoria run; the Alice Gertrude on the Neah Bay run, the Lydia Thompson on the Mill route, and the R. P. Elmore and Evangeline are held in reserve as spare craft. The routes for the new Sound steamers are not known.

Capt. Troup, manager of the C.P.N. company, said that the company's northern schedule would also be soon completed. None of the plans of the company's new steamers had yet been approved.

A VANCOUVER "FAKE." The industrious correspondents in Vancouver, under the name of the recent action taken by the board of trade, there to try and overtake their "fake" dispatches, are now busily employed in circulating stories to the effect that H.M.S. Egeria, which went in search of the Condor, is causing anxiety to the authorities. When the Queen City reached here a few days ago and reported that she had not seen the Egeria, the fact was chronicled in the local press, and telegraphed abroad, but without suggestion that there was the slightest cause for apprehension regarding her. The bold statement was picked up on the

mainland, however, and converted into a scare story, notwithstanding the fact that nothing is known there apart from what is sent from Victoria, the Queen City making her home port here, and not passing near Vancouver. As a matter of fact the Grant, saw the Egeria and transferred to her the Condor boat found on the West Coast.

The Vancouver fakers, however, must be credited with some degree of finish to their fairy tales, which lack the clumsiness characteristic of the purile efforts of their Victoria understudy. Pieces of bargain-counter sailor cloth have doubtless been found at times around Stanley park, but the correspondents there have never asked their readers to accept a statement that they were parts of a sailor's hat trim "possibly" from the Condor, as the Colonist did when such a rumour was picked up at Beacon Hill. Nor have they offended against the laws of good taste by painting Capt. Troup, of the United States cutter Grant, as a marine moonstruck, bent on vandalism, when that officer was generously assisting in searching for a missing warship of another nation. The story published by the Colonist, that Capt. Troup was pilaging the tribal villages in search of curios has not been reported to Collector Milne, and it is not credited by him. It will be remembered that a similar story was published about a year ago respecting the Grant, which was flatly denied by the officers of that ship.

As for the dispatch from Victoria to the Province, giving currency to a theory that anxiety was felt for the Egeria, it was not sent by the Province's correspondent in this city. The Egeria is now being looked for, although no time was fixed prior to her departure for the date of her return. Yesterday's tale, it is thought, carried what wreckage that might have washed up on the shores seaward, and in this way the storm gales now being made by the Egeria along the coast. The ship's doors and some other fittings which came ashore on the coast in the vicinity of Ahousset undoubtedly came in part from the lost cutter Highland Light, which foundered off shore a few months ago. The Highland Light was a wooden ship and it is reasonable to presume that when she breaks up portions of her will come ashore.

FREIGHT RATES DROP. Charter rates are dropping, and now ranging from 28s. to 29s. The latest carrier was taken at 28s. 6d., as against 30s. but a week or so ago. The British ship Clan McPherson, which arrived at San Francisco on January 4th, lost her charter to Balfour, Guthrie & Co., from the Sound at £1 17s. 6d., and has been rechartered to load for United Kingdom, Havre, Antwerp, or Dunkirk, at 28s. 9d., a loss of \$2.10 a ton on freight to her owners.

The British barque Fulwood has been reported as under charter from Portland to carry lumber, but the rate has not been made public.

The Oregonian states that there are more than thirty French vessels on the list of arrivals, or to arrive this season at Portland. This, the paper continues, is one cause of the decline in the rates.

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crews of the barque Highland Light, which foundered off the West Coast of the Island. She was an American schooner, and is well adapted for almost any kind of ocean going trade in the schooner line.

BROTCHY LEDGE BEACON.

A notice to mariners has just been issued from the department of marine and fisheries, giving a description of Brochty ledge beacon. The beacon consists of the frustum of a cone in steel, filled with concrete. The top of the beacon is 10 feet in diameter, and rises 10 feet above high water mark. The superstructure consists of an open framework in steel, supporting the fog horn and the incandescent electric lamps. The framework is in the shape of the frustum of a pyramid. The lamps are 12 feet above the concrete, or 22 feet above high water mark. The whole of the beacon, including the open framework superstructure, is painted black.

EXCHANGED MESSAGES AT SEA.

The steamer Lucania, which arrived at New York yesterday, exchanged 100 telegrams with the Umbria in mid-ocean, to be sent from Lizard and Nantucket lightship respectively, to friends of passengers on this side and in England.

INSPECTED NEW CRUISER.

Capt. Walbran and Prof. Prince, head of the Dominion fisheries, on Friday afternoon inspected the government fisheries cruiser, which is now in course of construction at the Wallace shipyard on False creek, says the Vancouver Province. The vessel was looked over with a view to suggesting certain improvements and alterations to the de-

partment of marine and fisheries. A report embodying a number of suggestions was wired to Ottawa last night by Prof. Prince. Work on the hull of the cruiser is now about completed, and with the arrival of a few fine days the caulking will have been accomplished.

MARINE NOTES.

In consequence of the news received here concerning the vessel passed about 330 miles off the coast by the steamer Olympia and which is supposed to be the overdue sugar ship Polmina, that vessel has been struck from the insurance list. The Polmina has not yet arrived, and it off the Straits yesterday would no doubt be further delayed by the prevailing winds.

Plans are being prepared in New Westminster for a new steamer to be 122 feet long, 18 feet by the beam and 11 feet in depth of hold. She is to be built for a New Westminster syndicate and will be available for cannery work and general towing.

The barque Roma, from Port Angeles, called at the quarantine station yesterday for inspection while en route to Vancouver in tow of the tug Pioneer. The vessel loads at the Mainland for Shanghai.

The lumber laden ship Elizabeth Nicholson has secured a crew in Esquimalt and is now ready to sail. The ships Ketchikan and Andromeda are the other merchantmen at anchor in Esquimalt.

Steamer Amur sails to-night for Skagway. The Queen City, another of the C.P.N. fleet, also leaves to-night for West Coast points.

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THE SITUATION.

Recent occurrences in the political life of the Dominion seem to have created an impression that there is something talmudic in the word Liberal—something mysterious, magical and powerful—that any party or individual put up and pronounced by certain enthusiasts to be of the true political faith cannot but receive the endorsement of the people. If the Liberal party of the Dominion had trusted entirely to its name, or even to its policy, as announced in the years in which it was in opposition, it might have been in opposition yet. It had not been led by a man whom the Liberals trusted implicitly, who had attained to his position at the head of the party by a process of natural selection, and as to whose qualifications for the post there is no difference of opinion even among his bitterest opponents, the opposition contention that the country is naturally Conservative might have been proven correct on November 7th, 1893, because the people might then have thought the leaders of the defeated party sufficiently punished for the sins they committed during their long reign. It is well to remember that the electors who control the destinies of parties, the independent voters who place the welfare of the country first and the success of men individually or in the aggregate second when they cast their ballots, do not care a button whether an administration be called Liberal or Conservative, so long as it gives evidence that its dominant desire is to win the confidence of the country by giving it honest, upright, unimpeachable and progressive government.

There has long been dissatisfaction with the manner in which the public affairs of British Columbia have been conducted. Members have been elected as independents and have joined themselves to the government or the opposition, according to their individual inclination—generally to the government. Naturally this led to conditions which were far from desirable and resulted in the maintenance in power of a combination whose acts have left the province in a most unenviable position financially. Also naturally there has arisen a desire for a change. The problem is to create a division that will bind members of the Legislature to certain principles which they would not be able to depart from without giving their constituents a valid reason for their apostasy. The one feasible scheme appeared to be a resort to federal party lines. This the Times has advocated as a means of lifting the province out of the slough into which it has fallen—but not as a game for the gratification of the political ambition of individuals.

It is well known to the people that Mr. Joseph Martin has long been consumed with an ambition to place himself at the head of a political party in this province. This a perfectly legitimate and laudable ambition. It is just as honorable as the desire of any man in the community to represent his fellows in Parliament. But an individual who forces himself into a representative position either through his own exertions or by the machinations of his friends is likely to have a sorry time of it when the people of the country come to pronounce upon his claims. The Liberal convention which met at Vancouver was almost unanimously in favor of party lines. As originally constituted, it was not in favor of Mr. Martin as leader. By its actions it drove out the elements which might have opposed and defeated the schemes of what must be admitted to be a considerable section, and after that all was smooth sailing. These are the facts. The convention has expressed its opinion. The expression of the gathering was no abstract pronouncement. It delegated powers to a man who will lose no time in entering upon the work to which he has set himself. Whatever difference of opinion there may be as to his qualifications to lead a united party, there can be none as to his courage, determination and ability. The withdrawal of delegations representing so considerable an area and such a large number of Liberal Associations means that a large section of the party will refuse to be bound by the decision

of the convention. That virtually indicates that party lines is not yet—that we are face to face with just such a situation as that created by the late 'Lieut. Governor McInnes, with the difference that it is not Mr. Martin but Mr. Dunsinuir who is unconstitutionally in power. There can be neither stability nor progress until another general election is held. That is the one thing that seems certain.

MR. MARTIN'S LETTER.

The letter of Mr. Martin, published in another column, hardly calls for a reply from us. We have already dealt with the contentious matters he brings up, and we cannot see that his arguments call for an answer. We think it was a mistake for the delegates to call in question the authority of the body which called them together. If the executive had not the power to fix the basis of representation it is reasonable to assume that it had not the power to call the convention. To expect the power that created the gathering before proceeding to business was rather an extraordinary proceeding, to say the least. We believe it has been the custom in Manitoba, from whence many good things have come, to seat Liberal editors in Liberal conventions. Possibly this action has been taken in order to give the gentlemen of the press an idea of the policy intended to be pursued. Perhaps Liberals are more advanced in their ideas in Manitoba than some of them are here, and think it is essential to have the support of the press in the dissemination of their doctrines. Without any disparagement of the highly honorable occupations to which Mr. Martin alludes, it seems to us that the editors of newspapers are more of a force in the affairs of the country than the "man on the street." They are considerably above mere hirings also, for in the vast majority of cases their writings are the fruits of their convictions; and for that very reason they generally voice the sentiments of a very large section of their constituency. It is a fact that cannot be denied that the executive and the editors were "turned down" because they were suspected of being opposed to the purposes of the men who have declared themselves the leaders of the Liberal party of British Columbia. After the position of these men had been established there was no fine discrimination displayed as to who should or who should not sit in the convention. Any Tom, Dick or Harry was welcome to a seat. These things we had intended to let rest if Mr. Martin had not called them up. The situation has been created. As to how it was created is of little consequence now. The problem is how to meet it. The Liberal party as a party will not, according to the present indications, accept Mr. Martin as leader. He is a man of energy and resource, however, and he may be able, with the assistance of the district associations, to whip the members into line. There is no time to be lost, for a crisis may be precipitated almost any day. We are now face to face with our perennial British Columbia political upheaval.

BLOCK OR CHAIR.

Some of the newspapers of the United States are troubled as to the best and most expeditious method of executing murderers. These individuals are not all shot down while trying to dodge justice. Occasionally one is brought face to face with the supreme test. A writer who has witnessed all kinds of "takings-of" thinks the most merciful and most efficacious way is decapitation. He also thinks there is some doubt as to the reliability of the electric chair. The current sometimes acts in an incomprehensible manner. A correspondent of the Electrical World and Engineer, himself an experienced electrician who was once made unconscious for several hours by a shock from a two-thousand-volt alternator, and has seen several others revived after experiences which left them apparently dead, doubts whether the criminals executed in New York state are killed in "the chair" or later by the doctors who perform the autopsy. Like most members of his profession, he evidently dislikes the association of electricity with capital punishment, and is seeking support for the theory that the doctors do the state's killing, but the Electrical World and Engineer decides against him with almost cruel emphasis. It admits that accidental shocks are rarely fatal, and that resuscitations after encounters with currents of great strength are frequent, but then it directs its correspondent's attention to the fact that in accidental cases the contact is not only brief in most instances, but it is very imperfect, rendering it difficult to tell how much of the current passes through the victim's body. "When," explains the writer of the article, "a man receives an accidental shock the muscular contraction usually tends to throw him violently away from the contact. Moreover, the resistance of the accidental path through his body is usually high. The current he receives is, therefore, under ordinary circumstances, neither powerful nor prolonged. Under the conditions of electrocution, however, the current application is relatively both powerful and prolonged." The conclusion is that "considering the number of electrocutions that have been made since the existing New York state law went into effect, and the fullness with which the subject has been reported upon, there can be no question that the subject dies by the effects of

the electric shock, and is dead beyond all hope of recovery before the autopsy takes place."

We suppose there will be no opposition to the resolution Ald. Yates will move to-night in the city council in regard to the vacant seat in the legislature. The aldermen were elected to look after and advance in every way the interests of the city of Victoria. There can be no doubt that a grievous wrong will be inflicted upon the ratepayers of this city if they are denied a full representation in the House at this critical time in our history. There is in some parts of the country a childish, incomprehensible jealousy of Victoria, and we are sorry to say some of the members of the House reflect that petty spirit in their manner of looking at the questions which come before them. It is therefore essential that our position should be as strong as possible and that our case should be advocated as eloquently as possible when matters in which we are interested come before the House. It is claimed that Ald. Yates's motion will drag political matters before the council. We cannot see how the matter can be regarded in such a light. It is simply a question of the rights of the city. If we have not a full representation we shall be deprived of our rights. When our rights are taken away it is surely the business of the city council, a body which directly represents the people, to protest. Even if it were a political matter it would still be their duty to protest. Any alderman who undertakes to oppose such a motion will have some difficulty in justifying his position.

Party government has hitherto been regarded as a means to an end, the end being honesty and stability in the administration of the affairs of a country. We are falling away from that doctrine in British Columbia. Some of us apparently regard party government as a means of advancing our political fortunes. A proposal has been advanced and applauded to permit the Dunsinuir government to remain in power until the schemes of another party in the province are matured, then to turn it out and replace it if possible with one in harmony with the views of the section mentioned. Thus we find that in this case good government for the province is a minor consideration. If the present administration is unworthy of the confidence of any member of the House, his first business should be to do his best to turn it out. If it is fit to hold office for a month it is worthy of power for its full term. A man or a party which advocates a compromise with an influence which is evil or sinister must be regarded with suspicion.

These are days of tribulation for insurance companies. The denizens of the frozen land known as the East appear to experience considerable trouble in keeping warm, and their exertions result in conflagrations.

In these days of political turmoil it is a positive relief to consider the ways of Dewet. He is a more artful dodger than the doggiest of British Columbia politicians.

It looks as if the people were in for another large dose of politics, and the most bewildering kind of politics.

APPEAL FROM MR. MARTIN.

To the Editor: I am going to observe the spirit in which your paper deals with the recent Liberal convention. You lay it down as an axiom that the body who called the convention together had the right to dictate as to its composition. This proposition is to my mind absolutely absurd. Suppose the provincial executive instead of giving editors of newspapers a seat in the convention executive, as they did, had declared that all the barbers and blacksmiths in the province should be members of the convention.

The provincial executive itself claimed to such power. In their last circular they expressly stated that the proposal to have themselves and editors sit as delegates was a mere suggestion on their part and could be adopted or annulled by the convention as it might see fit.

In pursuance of that idea the proposition came before the convention under the motion of John Oliver, M.P.P., passed unanimously. The vote was carefully taken under the direction of Senator Templeman, as chairman, and Mr. John H. Kerr, as secretary, both members of the provincial executive. Each delegate's name was called and he was asked to say yes or no. The result of that vote was 70 against and 41 for. Surely by all the rules of fair play such a conclusive vote should have settled the controversy. But not so. Twenty-four delegates left the convention. Will any of these twenty-four gentlemen produce a valid reason for this step?

Will it be contended that it was absolutely necessary for the success of the convention that the provincial executive and those editors should sit in it? Were any of these delegates instructed by their associations to make the seating of these gentlemen a sine qua non and bolt the convention if they could not have their own way?

There were arguments on both sides. Who was to decide? The gentlemen who have bolted agreed to the tribunal selected, and now because they were overruled on a very minor point they are willing to break up the Liberal party in the province, and you, Mr. Editor, call the 93 delegates who remained and did business the rump of the convention.

By what process of reasoning are you able to take a meeting consisting of men and divide it into two bodies, one

consisting of 93 and the other of 24, and claim that the 24 should rule the 93? That the 24 contributed the real convention and the 93 were only the rump? Is it because the most of the 24 were from Victoria and its immediate vicinity that one of them stands for about four from the rest of the province.

Let us call the roll, Mr. Editor. The following delegates remained and did business for the Liberal party: North-east Kootenay, 3; Southeast Kootenay, 3; Revelstoke, 3; Siccan, 3; Nelson, 3; Cariboo, 6; East Lillooet, 3; West Lillooet, 2; West Yale, 3; North Yale, 2; East Yale, 3; Dewdney, 3; Chilliwack, 2; Delta, 1; New Westminster, 3; Richmond, 3; Cassiar, 6; Vancouver city, 12; Comox, 1; North Nanaimo, 3; South Nanaimo, 3; Nanaimo city, 3; Alberni, 3; Cowichan, 3; North Victoria, 1; Esquimalt, 3; Victoria city, 3. Eighty-six elected delegates and seven members, making 93 in all.

Those who bolted were: Southeast Kootenay, 1; North Yale, 1; Rossland, 3; North Victoria, 2; South Victoria, 3; Esquimalt, 3; Victoria city, 9. Twenty-two elected delegates and two members, making 24 in all.

Of the 41 gentlemen who voted to let in the executive and editors 17 remained with us and did business.

I claim, Mr. Editor, that it would be impossible to get together a more representative convention of Liberals of this province than this one. Every local constituency had delegates and all had a full complement of three delegates, except that East Lillooet and Chilliwack were each one short and Delta and Comox were each two short.

The 93 delegates who did business had a good many differences of opinion, but they agreed unanimously for party lines, unanimously agreed on a platform, and unanimously agreed to support the elected leader.

Let us therefore pull all together. Let the gentlemen who left the convention fall into line and devote their energies to the success of the Liberal party in the next provincial election. If they won't



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Forecast.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday.
Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate southerly to easterly wind, generally fair and a little cooler.
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate southerly to easterly wind, generally fair with occasional rain to-night or on Tuesday.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 42; minimum, 41; wind, 12 miles S. W.; rain, .11; weather, clear.
New Westminster—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 38; minimum, 38; wind, calm; rain, .44; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, 34; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 52; minimum, 52; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, cloudy.

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The report sent from Vancouver to the effect that suit brought by Dr. G. L. Milne, of this city, against D. G. Macdonell, Vancouver, had been settled out of court, is incorrect. The suit was begun here to-day and will be pressed to a conclusion.

Fire department was called out recently to extinguish a blaze, when it was discovered to be no fire—no bargains—only smoke from the Capital Cigars. This will give you an idea of the tremendous sale for this popular brand, made in two sizes.

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The Master Mariners' Association held a meeting on Saturday evening in the Five Sisters block. A special meeting will be held next Tuesday evening, when matters of importance will be discussed.

Readers' clock will be stopped for a day or two for the purpose of being cleaned. This chronometer has been keeping the public "on time" for the last 26 years and its absence is quickly noted.

The concert given by the Fifth Regiment band in connection with the basketball game on Thursday will be entirely independent of the band's regular weekly event, which will be held as usual at the Drill hall on Saturday evening next.

A letter from Albert states that a new strike was made last week in the lower tunnel of Col. Hayes's mine. The strike is said to be very large and rich, and to place beyond any possible doubt, if such existed, the almost unlimited resources of the property.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of school trustees will be held on Wednesday evening, when among the business to come up will be the resolution by Trustee Haggart regarding the government per capita grant, which has already been published in these columns.

Stanley Peete, the well-known inside home player on the New Westminster lacrosse team, is understood to have accepted a position with the B. C. Electric Railway company in this city and will arrive shortly to take up his duties here. Mr. Peete is a clever, manly player and will prove a valuable acquisition to the Victoria Lacrosse club.

The concert which will be given next Friday in the J.B.A.A. gymnasium in aid of the new lapstreak boats now being built for the association promises to be of a very enjoyable character. Among those who will take part are: Messrs. A. Salvini, H. Taylor, Dr. Nash, H. Kent, A. T. Goward, H. J. Cave, R. A. C. Grant, G. H. Phillips, J. H. B. Rickaby and J. Hunter.

Great interest is being manifested in connection with the literary meeting of the Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church, to be held in the League room to-night, commencing at 8 o'clock. The chief feature of the programme will be a debate, "Resolved: That Anticipation is Better Than Realization." The debaters are chosen from both sexes, and the debate promises to be of exceptional interest. Visitors will be made welcome.

Sir Chas. Cameron, Bart., a former British M.P., was a passenger on the steamer Lucania, which reached New York from Liverpool yesterday. He is father-in-law of Commander Clifton Schlatter, of the missing Condor, and is en route to Esquimaux to join his daughter, Mrs. Schlatter. The continued absence of news concerning the Condor has been a great strain on Mrs. Schlatter, the painful suspense in which she is kept having lasted now for upwards of a month. Sir Charles Cameron should arrive here towards the end of the week.

To-night in Temperance hall Perseverance Lodge, No. 1, I.O.G.T., instead of holding their regular weekly meeting will be "At Home" to the public generally. The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock, when the following programme will be presented: Recitation, R. C. Wilson; song, J. Mullins; recitation, Mr. Henderson; violin solo, Mr. Hollands; recitation, Mr. Semple; song, W. D. Kinnaird; recitation, Mr. Oliver; song, J. G. Brown, and a short address by Rev. Elliott S. Rowe, the subject being of an interesting character. At the close of the programme refreshments will be served. No admission fee will be charged, but a collection will be taken up during the evening.

GOVERNMENT SAID TO BE IN PREDICAMENT

Governor Reported to Have Refused to Open Legislature With Unfilled Seats and Portfolios.

It is currently reported that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has informed Premier Dismuir that he cannot open the legislature with any of the seats unfilled or with a cabinet incomplete. R. L. Drury was approached this morning for the third time and pressed to accept the portfolio of provincial secretary, but Mr. Drury again declined. The report of the intervention of the Lieutenant-Governor started several rumors more or less sensational. One of these was to the effect that Richard Hall, M.P., was to be taken into the cabinet as provincial secretary and that Col. Prior would be a candidate against E. V. Bodwell. The appointment of Mr. Hall would create two vacancies in Victoria, and the bye-elections would be brought on at the same time. Were the rumor true, supporters of the government would be asked to support Messrs. Hall and Prior, and it was hoped that the following of each would help to elect the other. Mr. Hall stated to a Times representative that the position had not been offered or accepted, and that he had heard nothing regarding the rumored arrangement.

"UNDER TWO FLAGS."
Clara Mathes's Company Gave an Excellent Show on Saturday Night.

The Clara Mathes company closed their week's engagement in this city on Saturday night with a presentation of the popular drama, "Under Two Flags," a play in which Blanche Bates is now achieving great success in New York. There was a large audience, the largest of the week, and the performance was in every way creditable.

Miss Mathes in the role of "Cigarette" won fresh triumphs, while Mr. Seven-Oakes, as Bertie Cecil, was strong in his part. The role of the Princess Coronado was gracefully taken by Miss Muller, and the other parts were equally well sustained. Among the specialties was the rendering of the beautiful duet from the opera, "The Bohemian Girl," by the Maritana, "The Mother, Guide His Footsteps," with fine-light effects.

The excellent attendance throughout the week has encouraged the company to extend their Victoria engagement. They will appear at the Victoria theatre four nights of this week. Wednesday night's play is "South Africa," a play that is said to possess literary merit in addition to action, incident, amusing episodes and bright comedy. Special scenery is carried for the play and specialties will pleasantly divert waits between the acts. Press comments from the Victoria church, which will shortly be extended to him. He is said to be an eloquent and scholarly pulpit orator of broad experience. He was rector of the Reformed church in the Bermuda for 11 years, and for the past couple of years has occupied the rectory of the Reformed church in Chicago.

All arrangements have been completed for the presentation of the original pastoral opera "Arcturion" in the Institute hall to-night and to-morrow night. The story of this dainty musical caprice has already appeared in these columns as well as the cast. That the performance will be an excellent and enjoyable one is undoubted. That it will receive merited patronage is expected.

George Florence, of this city, has imported an aristocratic fox terrier dog from the famed Norfolk kennels, Toronto. The dog, which will be exhibited in the coming bench show, was sired by champion Norfolk Blue, and is a valuable acquisition to the splendid lot of canines in Victoria kennels.

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On Wednesday next Victorians will have an opportunity of hearing for the first time in many years a full orchestra. F. W. Blanchard, the Chicago Symphony Company's advance agent, is now in the city, and has arranged with Manager Jamieson for the theatre for Wednesday night. Mr. Blanchard states that the Symphony Company is coming here direct from Chicago, and is by far the largest orchestra that has ever crossed the continent. Eighteen years ago Theodore Thomas, with a company number of 42, came West, but this aggregation stopped only at a few of the largest cities. The Chicago Symphony Company, however, numbers 52 people, and it is provided with every conceivable kind of instrument that is required in orchestration. The company has appeared in several of the leading cities of the Northwest, and has everywhere been greeted with a full house. At Helena, where there was a large convention of wool growers, a great ovation was given. The convention adjourned because of the company's visit in that city, and more than half the members attending the convention, together with the governor of the state, senators and the mayor of the city, took advantage of the opportunity of hearing the talented musicians.

The leading soloists in the company are Mme. Regina Liane, a soprano of wide reputation; Edward C. Towne, a celebrated oratorio tenor; Jan van Oort, a concert violinist, and Frea Wagner, a noted cellist. Mr. Blanchard states that he has arranged with the schools for reduced rates for all the senior divisions at the concert. The concert, he feels assured, will make a lasting impression on those hearing a complete orchestra for the first time, and he is desirous of having as many as possible of the young people attend on Wednesday night.

The remains of the late Edward Simpson were laid to rest yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing company at 1:30 p. m., services being conducted by Rev. W. L. Clay at the parlors and grave. There was a large attendance of friends. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. W. Roskelly, C. Printer, J. Russell, G. Hicks, C. Pointer and W. Anderson.

Three motions are on the bulletin board for consideration at to-night's meeting of the city council. One is by Ald. Yates, relating to the Victoria bye-elections, another by Ald. McCandless, regarding the powers and rates of the Esquimaux & Victoria waterworks, while the third is the motion of the mayor's providing for the appointment of a representative on the Jubilee hospital board.

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JAMES A. SMART,
Secretary of the Ministry of the Interior.

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NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an act to incorporate a company to be known as "The Canada Central Railway Company," to construct and operate a line of railway connecting from a point above near the mouth of the French River, on the North Coast of the Lake Huron, northwesterly to some point on the shore of Lake Superior, and thence northwesterly to some point at or near the headwaters of the Montreal River in the District of Ontario, and thence northwesterly to some point on the Albany River in the Province

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CANADIANS IN AFRICA.

Order That They Are to be Scattered Among Imperial Troops Causes Discontent.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Feb. 10.—The following telegram was received to-day from a Canadian soldier in the Transvaal, regarding the disbanding of Canadian companies:

"It is currently reported that the Canadian troops are to be disbanded and apportioned in small batches among various Imperial troops throughout the country. No. 17 troops, from British Columbia, under Capt. C. C. Bennett, of Vancouver, is the first to fall. They have already received orders to disband at once, Bennett being relieved of his command. The men have refused to be scattered through the country among Imperial troops, and interesting developments are expected.

"The cause of the trouble is alleged to be the glaring incompetence of the captain in command, or at least that is the reason given at headquarters, but the men are the sufferers, as their action, though not considered mutinous, has broken faith with the Canadians in several instances. They promised the Canadians were to be kept together and, to be offered by Canadians. They have broken faith regarding pay, also regarding the purchase of discharges, refusing them that privilege.

"The first and second Canadian contingents and South African constabulary are getting the worst of the deal in every instance.

"It is rumored that Colonel Steele tendered his resignation, unless put in charge of Canadians. Up to the present not a single Canadian troop has been put into his division, although he was promised, so it is generally understood, that all Canadians were to be under his charge. The feeling among the troops is running high, and the results may be serious.

HORRIBLE DEATH.

Fireman Pinned Under Debris and Dies Before Being Rescued.

(Associated Press.)

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 10.—The north-bound freight train which left this city on Saturday night about 11 o'clock, over the Seattle-Sumas branch of the Northern Pacific, ran into a landslide at Lake station, 15 miles north of Seattle. Chas. Fietz, the fireman, was caught between the boiler of the engine and one of the box cars, which had piled on top of it, and was burned to death. He begged the crew to cut off his arm, by which he was held, but before he could be released he was dead. It is believed that the jarring of the train started the slide which buried the track under thousands of tons of dirt and rock. The train ran into it and the engine was precipitated into Lake Washington. Fietz was the only one of the crew injured.

NEW YORK EXPLOSION.

The Coroner's Jury To-Day Returned a Verdict.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 10.—The coroner's jury, which has been investigating the recent explosion in the excavation for the rapid transit tunnel, returned a verdict to-day holding Ira A. Shafer, the sub-contractor, J. Matheson, who was chief engineer of the works on the day of the explosion, and Moses Epps, the colored man who had charge of the powder house, as being jointly responsible for the deaths caused by the explosion.

SAN FRANCISCO MYSTERY.

Body of Girl Who Had Been Missing Several Weeks Found Yesterday.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Feb. 10.—A murder, resembling the noted Durant case, inasmuch as the police department. The body of Nora Fuller, a 16-year-old girl, was found lying naked on a bed in a house on Sutter street yesterday afternoon. Indications point to murder. The girl had been dead some time. She left home on January 11th, and met a man known as John Bennett in response to an advertisement for a girl to take care of a baby, and was not heard of afterwards.

WALKING MATCH.

New York, Feb. 10.—Of the 42 teams which started at midnight in the six days walking match at Madison square garden, only 16 teams were left on the track at 9 o'clock this morning.

The leaders at 12 o'clock were: Hegelmann and Cavanaugh, 33.1; Davis and Carroll, 39.3; Myers and Dumen, 37; Shellen and Guerrero, 36.2; Golden and Tracey, 35.6; Hurst and Hurst, 33.9; Fahey and Metcalf, 33.2; Gluck and Hawthorn, 30.4; Dean and Campbell, 30.3; Fallon and Harrington, 27.6.

DEATH OF COL. PEEBLES.

Winnipeg, Feb. 10.—Col. Peebles, for over 20 years police magistrate of this city, died this morning.

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VENEZUELAN REVOLT.

Insurrection Reported to Be Gaining Ground—Gunboat Damaged in Fight.

(Associated Press.)

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Feb. 10.—Gen. Andrade, the former president of Venezuela, who reached this island recently, embarked on board the revolutionary steamer Libertador during the night of February 7th. The Libertador some days ago landed a force of insurgents on the Venezuelan coast and they subsequently took possession of the village of Cumarebo, situated on La Vela de Coro. The Venezuelan gunboat Gen. Crespo attempted to prevent the landing, and was fired upon and badly damaged by the Libertador. The Crespo had her propeller shaft broken. The success of the Libertador has created a sensation.

It is announced that the insurgents are very active, especially in the vicinity of Barquisimeto. The revolution against President Castro is gaining ground visibly, and his supporters are increasing.

Canoning has been heard here from early morning in the direction of the Venezuelan coast. It is believed that the Libertador has been engaged with another Venezuelan government gunboat. The gunboat Gen. Crespo, it is further asserted, sank in the roadstead of Cumarebo.

WITHDRAWING TROOPS.

British Soldiers Are to be Removed From Wei-Hai-Wei.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 10.—In the House of Commons to-day the war secretary, Mr. Blandford, confirmed the report that the government had decided to withdraw the British troops at Wei-Hai-Wei and proceed no farther with building fortifications at that point.

CLERK MISSING.

(Associated Press.)

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 10.—Chas. Chir, night clerk at the International hotel, drew his pay last Tuesday afternoon and went to Detroit. He has not been seen since, and his wife fears foul play.



A DASH OF WINTER-COLD QUARTERS FOR THE SWANS.

OUTLAWS KILLED.

Shot During a Fight With Sheriff's Poses in New Mexico.

(Associated Press.)

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 10.—Ben Williams, a detective for the Santa Fe railroad, reports that in the vicinity of the Capitan mountains, New Mexico, the people have been terrorized recently by the appearance of eight outlaws. The gang has robbed several stores and ranches recently, stolen numerous horses and committed murder. Two sheriff's posse pursued the outlaws to the mountains, where a battle is reported to have taken place, resulting in the death of four of the outlaws.

LE ROI CORPORATION.

Whittaker Wright Reported to Have Regained Control.

(Associated Press.)

Salt Lake, Utah, Feb. 10.—A Tribune special from Spokane, Wn., says that men closely in touch with Le Roi Mining Company say that Whittaker Wright, of London, has regained control of the corporation after the bitterest fight known recently in London financial circles. It is declared that Wright has ousted the interests represented by Henry Bratton, which lately got control of Le Roi.

MISSIONARIES ESCAPED.

Building Destroyed by an Anti-Christian Mob.

(Associated Press.)

Hongkong, Feb. 10.—A dispatch from Canton announces that the Berlin missionary society's building at Fuyen, near Canton, has been burned by an anti-Christian mob. The missionaries escaped.

C. F. R. DIVIDEND.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, Feb. 10.—At a meeting of the directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to-day the usual dividend of two per cent. on the preference stock for the half year, ended December last, was declared, and a dividend of two and a half per cent. for the same period was declared on the common stock.

MONTREAL'S MAYOR.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, Feb. 10.—James Cochrane, M. P. P., was inaugurated mayor of Montreal at the city hall this afternoon in the presence of a large number of citizens.

FAVORABLE REPORT

On Bill for Protection of President of United States, Ambassadors and Others.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 10.—Senator Hoar, from the committee on judiciary, to-day favorably reported a bill for the protection of the President of the United States, the Vice-President and others.

It provides that any persons who shall, within the limits of the United States or any place subject to its jurisdiction, wilfully kill or cause the death of the President or Vice-President, or any officer in line of succession, or who shall wilfully cause the death of the sovereign or chief magistrate of any foreign country, shall be punished with death. An attempt to commit either of the offences mentioned is also punishable by death.

The bill also provides a punishment of 30 years for the person or persons found guilty of instigating, advising or counselling the killing of any of the persons named, and any person who shall wilfully or knowingly aid the escape of any person guilty of the offences mentioned shall be deemed an accomplice and punished the same as if a principal.

Imprisonment of five years is provided for persons convicted of uttering words, spoken or published, which threaten to kill or advise or instigate any to kill the persons named.

A new feature in connection with the proposed law is that the secretary of war is authorized and directed to select a detail from the regular army to guard and protect the person of the President "without unnecessary display," and the secretary of war is also authorized and directed to make special rules and regulations as to dress, arms and equipment of such guard and to publish only such of the rules and regulations as he may deem proper.

FARMER'S WINEFALL.

(Associated Press.)

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—Jos. Biddington, a Staphin farmer, has fallen heir to \$120,000, left by a relative in England.

PICKING THE NOSE is a common symptom of worms. Mothers who suspect their child is troubled with worms should administer *Worm Syrup*. It is pleasant, safe and effective.

FLANNERS A SPECIALTY.

Woolen Wares the Feature of To-Day's Sale at the Arcade.

Spencer's Arcade is besieged with a host of people again to-day. Between four and five hundred came down from Nanaimo on the excursion provided the people of the Black Diamond city. The excursionists came down on the noon train and will be returning to-night. This excursion is the second from Nanaimo since the big sale began, and the fact speaks much for the attractiveness of the event, as well as for the bargains to be obtained.

The features of to-day's sale are the flannels and woolen wares which are being sold. These articles come from the section of the store which suffered in the recent fire and are being offered at very low figures. They will be kept on the market until all have been cleared out. To-morrow a specialty will be made in the hosiery line, while on Wednesday gloves will form the principal attraction.

Patrons of the store have now a better opportunity of finding what they want than heretofore, the goods being better distributed than was possible in the first rush.

A PHONOGRAPH STORY.

Incident on Board the Ophir During the Royal Tour.

A very good story of the cruise of the Ophir, hitherto unpublished, is told by the Prince and Princess of Wales. The second Sunday of the cruise was a dull afternoon, and the Princess brought her of the phonograph. An unofficial hint was conveyed to the electrician, and on the Sunday morning he went to his cabin to test the phonograph in order to prevent any chance of a breakdown. The cabin was two decks below the upper deck, and so there was no apparent chance of the machine's vibration disturbing the morning service. Unfortunately, however, a ventilator passed through the cabin and carried sound as well as had air up to the upper deck. Prayers over the following dialogue occurred:

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FIGURES TELL THE TALE

The following is a list of the importations of the various brands of Champagne into the United States for the year 1901.

Pither & Leiser

Sole Agents.

Victoria and Vancouver.

G. H. Mumm & Co.'s

Extra Dry 120,859

Moet & Chandon	61,184
Pommery & Greno	31,417
Ruinart, Pere & Fils	15,639
Vve. Clicquot	15,027
Piper Heidsieck	13,968
Louis Roederer	11,136
Heidsieck & Co.	9,377
Perrier-Jouet	5,881
A. DeMontebello & Co.	4,304
Pol Roger & Cie	3,635
Ernest Irroy & Co.	2,622
Bouche, Fils & Co.	2,180
St. Marceaux	2,031
Delbeck & Co.	1,712
Various other brands	18,711
Total	319,243

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\$10,000 against accidental death.
\$25.00 weekly during Temporary Disablement, caused by Scalds, Typhoid, Typhus Fever, Smallpox, Varioloid, Diphtheria, Measles, Asiatic Cholera, Erysipelas, Appendicitis, Diabetes, Peritonitis, Bronchitis, Pleurisy, Pneumonia, Meningitis or Tetanus, for a period not to exceed 12 consecutive weeks.
Smaller amounts in proportion.

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WARNING!

THE LAWYER—

Q.—How many times a day do you lift the typewriter carriage to see what you are doing?
A.—I don't know.
Q.—Have you any idea?
A.—No.
Q.—Five times?
A.—No, more than that.
Q.—100 times?
A.—More than that I think.
Q.—Two hundred times?
A.—About that I should think.
Q.—How much does the carriage weigh?
A.—I don't know.
Q.—And you say you lift it about 200 times every day?
A.—Yes.
Q.—Then that would average for 300 working days about 30,000 pounds? 15 tons.
Think of it?
A.—(A long sigh) I suppose so.
Q.—Why don't you get an Underwood Typewriter with visible writing, no carriage to lift, no swinging the platen, work in full sight? All evident advantages over the old way, as you can see.

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Full particulars and terms on application to

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House Furniture bought outright for cash.

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MONUMENTS

BE SURE TO Get STEWART'S Prices

on Monuments, Cemetery Coping, Importation of Scotch Granite Monuments, etc., before purchasing elsewhere. Nothing but first-class stock and workmanship.

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For Infants and Children.

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